



South Plains Homeless Consortium Agenda for the Consortium Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2005, 12:00 – 1:00
Meeting at the Salvation Army 17th and Ave. J.

Subjects of the Consortium Meeting: (Bob Terrell presiding)

Approval of January Minutes:

Treasurers report:

Old Business:

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New Business:

- 211 announcement and discussion (Alice Garcia).
- ESGP grant discussion, and lessons learned.
- Discussion of Continuum of Care training – Gary Frye
- Membership Committee (Joe Rangel)
- Funding for CEAP (Joe Rangel)
- Surveys committee (Bob Terrell)
- Strategic planning discussion: Where do we create our office?

Announcements:

Details On Meetings Subjects Above:

Discussion and vote on Strategy committee

- We had a Strategy committee active over the summer. They put out a survey on agency needs, but did not get an adequate response. The membership committee is picking up some of their survey activities, but we need a committee that will put together the initial Continuum of Care plan for this region, and set up the basis for deciding on priorities. Priorities will be heavily influenced by input from the Survey committee.

ESGP discussion

- **Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)**
 - **Due date March 1, 2005**
 - **Program Purposes**
 - Help improve the quality of emergency shelters for the homeless;
 - Help meet the costs of the operating and maintaining emergency shelters;
 - Provide essential services so that homeless individuals have access to the assistance they need to improve their situation; and
 - Provide emergency intervention assistance to prevent homelessness.
 - **Eligible applicant organizations** are units of general local government and private nonprofit organizations.
 - **Award levels** - single entity minimum \$30K to \$100K
 - collaborative \$30K to \$300K (max 5 groups)
 - **Matching requirements** - **50/50** with essential services no more than 30% of the requested ESGP funds. Match maybe; donated supplies, cash donations or grants; value of donated building; rent or lease of space used to provide services to homeless; salaries of person working with the homeless on the ESGP; and volunteers @ \$5 per hour.
 - Rehabilitation projects are allowed.
 - Transitional housing projects must move homeless into permanent housing within specified time (usually 24 months).
 - Operation administration is limited to 10% of the ESGP budget.